



General Assembly

File No. 656

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Senate Resolution No. 22

Senate, April 22, 2014

The Senate Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION.

Resolved by the Senate:

- 1 That the agreement between the State of Connecticut and the State
- 2 Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, concerning the makeup of the
- 3 Medical Examining Board to the State Employees Retirement
- 4 Commission, submitted to this assembly April 4, 2014, for approval, as
- 5 provided in subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, is
- 6 approved.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The resolution proposes approval of a Pension Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC). This agreement makes certain changes regarding composition of the Medical Examining Board (MEB) of the State Employees Retirement Commission.

The agreement replaces the current Memorandum Understanding (MOU) between the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). It increases the number of physicians on the MEB from seven to up to 25. Physicians will be compensated on an unspecified per diem basis. The current MOU lists a rate for the physicians based on their position on the board and their salary at UCHC. The current rate is equivalent to a percentage of their salary. The agreement requires that all payments for physician services be made within OSC's available appropriation for this purpose. The FY 14 OSC appropriation is \$215,815 for the MEB.

The agreement results in no additional costs as the total expenditures cannot exceed the FY 14 appropriated level. The agreement will reduce revenues to the UCHC by \$215,815 as payments are shifted from UCHC as reimbursement for physicians on the MEB to the up to 25 physicians that will comprise the new board. However, this revenue loss may be offset, as the physicians previously serving on

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the MEB may now generate additional patient related revenue.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Senate Favorable Yea 9 Nay 0 (04/15/2014)

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